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SUBJECT: BRANIFF

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1. FOLLOWING REF TELCON, EMBOFF KEPT SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION SUAREZ. BRANIFF VP DEMURIAS ACCOMPANIED. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS SOME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOE'S POSITION ON CONSULTATIONS AS GIVEN BY FONMIN SUB-SECRETARY VALDEZ OCTOBER 4 (REF B) AND AS ATTRIBUTED TO SUAREZ IN "EL COMERCIO" OCTOBER 6. (SHORT ITEM CONTAINS SUAREZ ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE WILL BE CONSULTATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN ECUADOR AND U.S., AND SPECIFICALLY LANDING RIGHTS FOR ECUATORIANA IN NEW YORK.) EMBOFF SAID HE HOPED WE COULD CLARIFY MATTER AT THE MEETING. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE INVITED DEMURIAS TO JOIN BECAUSE DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN HIM AND THE GOE WAS DISCUSSED AT AMBASSADOR-VALDEZ MEETING OCTOBER 4; AND BECAUSE DEMURIAS HAD IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PROBLEM FOR THE DAC'S ATTENTION. EMBOFF THEN WENT THROUGH POINTS IN PARA 1-3 OF REF C FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUAREZ' ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING.

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2. SUAREZ RESPONDED SAYING THAT ECUADOR OBJECTED AND DOES OBJECT TO AN INTERPRETATION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT AS MEANING THAT IT CANNOT REGULATE FREQUENCIES. HE WENT OVER THE NUMBERS OF FREQUENCIES OF BRANIFF/PANAGRA UNDER OPERATING PERMITS AT THE TIME OF THEIR MERGER AND POINTED OUT THE INCREASES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE NUMBER AND GROWTH OF FREQUENCIES DEMONSTRATE THAT ECUADOR IS ACTING "WITHIN THE SPIRIT" OF THE BILATERAL AS INTERPRETED BY U.S. EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT SHARE THE INTERPRETATION. HE WENT OVER THE HISTORY OF THE THREE FREQUENCIES IN QUESTION LARGELY REPEATING VALDEZ EXPLANATION TO THE AMBASSADOR. ON CONSULTATIONS, HE SAID THAT HE COULD ALWAYS AGREE TO TALK, AS HE HAD TOLD VALDEZ, BUT ONLY THE CIVIL AVIATION COULCIL COULD DECIDE TO ACCEPT CONSULTATIONS OR TO LIFT OUTSTANDING FLIGHT SUSPENSION ORDER. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY OCTOBER 9 COUNCIL IS TO HOLD WEEKLY MEETING OCTOBER 11. SUAREZ EXPLAINED AWAY NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT AS A DISTORTION OF A PROBING JOURNALIST TO WHOM HE HAD TO SAY SOMETHING WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN BRANIFF AND ECUATORIANA OPERATIONS. IN SHORT, SUAREZ IS NOT YET PREPARED TO SAY YES OR NO TO USG PROPOSAL.

3. DEMURIAS RAISED THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF BRANIFF'S FLIGHT THROUGH GUAYAQUIL OCTOBER 7, THE FIRST TO FALL UNDER SUSPENSION ORDER AND ASKED FOR SUAREZ GOOD WILL IN PERMITTING IT TO OPERATE. SUAREZ QUITE READILY OFFERED TO PERMIT THE FLIGHT ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, HE BALKED AT PERMITTING TWO FLIGHTS OCTOBER 10 UNTIL HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY BRANIFF'S REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SUSPENSION AND TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. HE PROMISED AN ANSWER TO BRANIFF P.. OCTOBER 8.

4. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT LIFTING OF THE FLIGHT SUSPENSION ORDER IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE USG OFFER OF CONSULTATION. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS WITHOUT LIFTING THE ORDER WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS NON-ACCEPTANCE. SUAREZ UNDERSTOOD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING CONSULTATIONS IN QUITO DURING THE MFM AND REQUESTED SUAREZ TO INDICATE ACCEPTABLE DATES NOT IN CONFLICT WITH MFM, IF COUNCIL DECIDES ON CONSULTATIONS. BREWSTER

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